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Supreme Court Hands Down Major Church-State Opinions

By Stan Hestey

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court handed down far reaching church-state decisions in its just-concluded term, including opinions on tax aid to sectarian colleges and universities and internal church disputes.

Without question, the most important decision in the church-state field was the high court's 5-4 ruling that states may help subsidize some institutions of higher learning controlled by churches.

A Maryland plan, in effect since 1971, provides direct financial assistance to private colleges, including church-related schools. The program's only restriction is

that such public funds may not be used for sectarian purposes. Opponents of such plans argued, unsuccessfully, that the restriction is essentially meaningless in that colleges may divert funds from "secular" to "sectarian" purposes. The end result, the argument goes, is the same — religious schools benefit at taxpayers' expense.

The high court's decision seems at least a setback to strict adherents of separation of church and state and appears to contradict the tribunal's reasoning in striking down similar arguments for state funding of elementary and second schools. The justices went to great pains to make a distinction between the nature of education at the college level as

opposed to the elementary and secondary levels.

This view, although plausible to many church-state observers, leaves unresolved one disturbing question. Does the court's decision in *Roemer v. Board of Public Works* indicate that sometime in the future the same "sectarian" and "secular" distinctions might

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For Volunteer Service

Brotherhood Wants 5000 Skilled Baptist Laymen

MEMPHIS—Wanted: Names of 5,000 skilled Baptist laymen interested in sharing their talents with victims of disasters and in special mission projects.

The names of the compassionate persons will go into a computerized manpower bank the Brotherhood Commission is starting to provide "instant" help around the world.

Norman Godfrey, director of the ministries section at the Commission, said one of the goals of the bank is to respond to the requests of Southern Baptist agencies and state Baptist conventions for emergency help within an hour.

The need for such a manpower bank became apparent during the

aftermath of Hurricane Fifi in Honduras and the earthquake in Guatemala when the help of skilled Baptist laymen was requested, Godfrey said.

Godfrey reported volunteers for the bank are being enlisted through state Brotherhood departments, publications, and personal correspondence.

"Basically, we want men who can respond on short notice for

disaster relief activities, men who can participate in mission projects, and retired men who will make themselves available for extended service."

The information will be coordinated with state Brotherhood departments and made available to them on a regular basis or upon request, Godfrey said.

The skills survey that interest

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HMB Names 40 As Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — Forty persons have been appointed as missionaries by the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board. Included are six career missionaries and 21 missionary associates.

Career missionary appointments include Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown of Union Bridge, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Schoonmaker of South Orange, N. J.; and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Worley of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

James Randall O'Brien, a student at New Orleans Seminary and native of McComb, Miss., will serve in New Orleans.

Postal Problems?

Are you having postal problems? Is the prediction of raising first class postage from 13c to 16c or 17c disturbing you? Well, we are having some problems too. And ours already have come!

Baptist Record postage increased 24.2% from the first to the second issue in July. For the July 1 issue, we paid \$1,035.28 postage. For the July 15 issue (no BR on July 8) our postage was \$1,289.90. That is an increase of \$254.62 or 24.2%. At 50 issues per year, that is an increase of more than \$12,500. And predictions are that similar increases are in the schedule, each year for the next several.

This, however, is not our only postage problem. The address change form returned to us when a paper cannot be delivered because the addressee has moved has gone from 10c to 25c, an increase of 150%. We have been receiving about 500

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Six-Month Cooperative Total Is \$3.6 Million

Through the first half of this year Mississippi Baptists gave \$455,703 more through the Cooperative Program concept of world missions financing than they had through the same period of last year.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said the total amount channeled through his office during the first six months of 1976 for world missions efforts was \$3,615,451. This is to be compared with \$3,159,748 for the year before, he said.

The total for June of 1976 amounted to \$664,562, Dr. Kelly indicated, which was \$250,014

more than the \$414,566 for June of 1975.

The total budget for 1976 is \$7.3 million. This means that for the first half of the year the income has been \$34,566 short of the budget goal, but this might easily be overcome and the budget surpassed by the end of the year, Dr. Kelly said.

The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist Convention method of a unified, voluntary financing of its missions work and its agencies throughout the individual states, across the entire nation, and around the world.

The Bold Mission Advance that Southern Baptists have adopted

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CT Seeks 100,000 Membership Gain

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Southern Baptists officially launched plans for a campaign to enroll 100,000 new members in Christian training during two Church Training Leadership Conferences here at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

The special campaign, coordinated by the church training department of the Baptist Sunday School Board under the direction of Philip B. Harris, will seek

to enlist church members and their families who are not currently involved in their church's training program.

The emphasis will be conducted January through April 1977, and plans are being made to initiate the campaign at the association "M Nights" across the convention, according to Luel O. Smith, associational consultant in the church training department.

It is primarily through the as-

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5-Star Award Program Culminates At M-Night

The Mississippi Five Star Award Program was announced at "M" Night last November as a promotional program of the Church Training Department.

The first year of this Program will culminate at "M" Night 1976 (November 29) with the awarding of a diploma (see cut) to each church in the association. The distinction between churches will depend on the number of stars awarded.

Four stars will be determined by records available to the Church Training Department. One of these will be given to each church reporting a Church Train-

ing Program. A second seal will be added if the church increased its Church Training enrollment during the year. A third seal is awarded to churches with representation in the Children's Bible Drill, Youth Bible Drill, or Youth Speaker's Tournament. The fourth seal will be added for churches attaining any level of recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide.

Seal Five must be requested by the church since this seal is awarded on the basis of information not available to the Church Training Department. Seal Five

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Begin To Emerge

Charismatics Among Southern Baptists

By Tim Nicholas

ATLANTA (BP) — Charismatics are emerging from Southern Baptist "closets" in surprising numbers, a Home Mission Board survey has revealed.

According to the survey, Baptist leaders estimate some 100 Southern Baptist churches, with some 10,000 members, have charismatic ministries. The Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, has 34,902 churches with 12.7 million members.

The whole controversial issue of Southern Baptist "tongue speakers" is featured in the July-August issue of the board's *Home Missions* magazine.

Few issues within Southern Baptist life have been so instantly inflammatory as the charismatic movement. Associations of churches have been disrupted and churches barred from fellowship; churches have been torn apart; individuals, including pastors, have had their intelligence — and their Christianity — questioned, doubted, and denied.

Wherever the issue has erupted, it has become the center of a whirlwind of doubt, fear, name-calling, arrogance, uneasiness, and pain.

In researching the charismatic movement among Southern Baptists, staffers of *Home Missions* magazine called at random 24 di-

rectors of missions in associations from coast to coast, representing 1,500 churches.

Of them, only seven said they know of no charismatic churches or individuals; five said they have charismatic churches within their associations, and others had had charismatic churches that withdrew or were barred from fellowship.

Although the survey indicates 100 Southern Baptist charismatic churches, with at least 10,000 active charismatics, charismatic leaders dispute the figure, insisting that there are at least 10,000 more charismatics in "underground" prayer cells in non-charismatic churches.

Reaction to the charismatic movement erupted last October when six churches were barred from fellowship by four associations of Southern Baptist churches in three states.

Dallas (Texas) Association ousted Beverly Hills and Shady Grove churches; Cincinnati (Ohio) Association refused to seat Oak Hills and Saylor Park churches; the Trenton Association in Louisiana disfellowshipped Claiborne Church of West Monroe, and the Plaquemine Association barred Empire Church of Empire, La.

Recently, Harmony Baptist Association of California withdrew fellowship from College Heights

Baptist Church of Ventura "over the church's charismatic involvement, cooperation with neo-Pentecostal groups and acceptance of non-Baptist baptism."

Two other associations have taken action on the issue. Union Association, Houston, Tex., branded the movement as "of the devil" and Rogers Association in northeastern Oklahoma called it heresy.

State and national conventions have shown a reluctance to act. The mood of state conventions, so far, has been to either refrain from comment or to advocate compromise. Associational action does not bar a church from being Southern Baptist.

This year, the issue did not surface at the SBC annual meeting in Norfolk. Last year, in Miami

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Emery To Head New Convention Department

A Department of Church Administration and Pastoral Ministries in the frame work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be established Jan. 1, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the board.

Rev. Leon Emery, presently the consultant for the board in church administration, will become the

director of the new department. The department was established by action of the Executive Committee of the board during its last meeting.

Rev. Emery is a native of Greenville County, S. C. He attended North Greenville Junior College in South Carolina and was graduated from Mississippi College. He held pastorates in South Carolina and in Yazoo County in Mississippi before becoming director of associational missions in Bolivar County and in Washington County.



ATLANTA—Hands upraised, a congregation of Southern Baptist charismatic worshipers. Few issues within the 12.7-million-member Southern Baptist Convention have stirred as much division as the charismatic movement. A survey by the denomination's Home Mission Board, however, indicates that charismatics are on the increase in the Convention. The survey suggests that about 100 Southern Baptist congregations—with a total membership of 10,000—maintain charismatic ministries. (RNS Photo)

Charismatics In SBC

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Beach, messengers refused to condemn or condone charismatics, passing a watered down resolution which merely reaffirmed the SBC's 1963 statement on the Holy Spirit in the Baptist Faith and Message statement.

Defining what is meant by charismatic is difficult. The survey found that a charismatic is one who identifies himself as charismatic. Most often, the person claims a specific religious experience, apart from conversion, which is known as the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Generally, the experience is accompanied by speaking in tongues and a belief that all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are operable today, including miraculous healing.

But there's disagreement even among charismatics themselves on many points of belief. Speaking in tongues is the most controversial element of the movement. Many charismatics say the tongues experience is incidental to the movement; others say it is the heart of it.

The tongues experience seems to be the crux. Lyle Schaller, a church planning authority, believes "tongues is the divisive issue, not the charismatic movement itself."

Both charismatics and non-charismatics cite proof texts to prove their points. Often, each side will cite a different part of the same scripture verse to prove their case.

Southern Baptist charismatics have no uniform theology regard-

ing the Holy Spirit and His gifts. One SBC agency staffer, himself a charismatic, says tongues evidences the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A charismatic pastor, Julian Brandon of West Monroe, La., says, "You don't have to speak in tongues to be filled with the Holy Spirit."

The Home Mission Board, as a convention agency, has guidelines relating to the tongues issue, but they have never become "official policy."

The committee which wrote the guidelines felt charismatic "emphases magnify and distort that which is incidental in the New Testament" but said it "felt lessons can be learned from this movement" and urged "every effort be made to maintain a loving fellowship" with charismatics.

Not all reaction is so conciliatory. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, says speaking in tongues is "senseless, insane and idiotic." He referred to the movement as an "aberration and a heresy" and declared, "They think they can fool me into thinking that gibberish is language. If that is the Christian faith, then I am not a Christian. Exclamation point."

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary professor Terry Young says charismatics "are taking a particular, unrepeatable historical occasion and trying to make it a normative experience which we should all seek."

Another expert, John Kildahl, director of pastoral psychology at New York Theological Seminary, says, "A subtle kind of arrogance comes across in tongues speakers that makes other people feel ill at ease. They have this 'gift' and therefore are special and that makes the other person feel he is being put down."

Disagreements also center around how much of the charismatic movement involves genuine spiritual gifts vs. psychological, sociological or Satanic manifestations.

Whatever the reasons, most non-charismatics find little to accept in neo-Pentecostalism. Many Southern Baptists have reacted to charismatics in their midst with skepticism, at best. Tolerance of the new attitudes often has been overwhelmed by the angry rhetoric.

But at least one church has learned to live with a "mixed" congregation. Two years ago, several persons approached pastor Milford Misener of Belen, N. M., First Baptist Church, to report other members of the church were speaking in tongues.

When the matter came to the deacon body, "some were antagonistic, some took the middle road," says Ted Pfeffer, a deacon. "I asked the pastor and he said that we shouldn't throw out people who speak in tongues." Some problems existed, Misener says, but now charismatics teach Sunday School classes. "Several of the people who are speaking in tongues were back-seat church members. Suddenly they became more concerned; more committed, more loving, more pliable and desirous to learn of and serve God," Misener said.

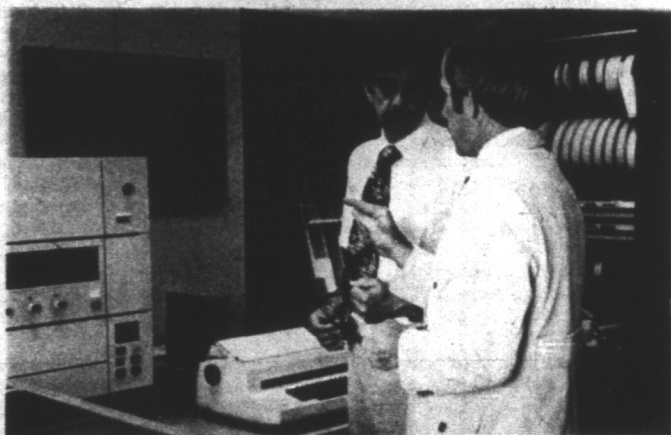
To determine what might happen in the denomination, a pastor and a superintendent of missions discussed the future. "It's difficult to predict," said the non-charismatic associational leader. "Churches will be disaffected, but others will continue to fellowship in a given association. Much depends on the pastor (of the charismatic church) and the attitude of other pastors."

"But I believe there are enough level-headed and sound thinking folks who realize that everybody who is Baptist does not have to interpret every point of Scripture the same way."

The pastor, who leads a large charismatic church, added, "We won't agree on some fine points, but we had better not let minor doctrinal issues separate us. That's what has always separated Christendom. I've got to be a big enough Christian that if you don't have the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, I can love you, not with a forced smile, but genuinely. If I don't, there's something wrong with my faith."

Love, but from a different perspective, is proposed by Baptist historian Robert Baker of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He believes "strong charismatic movement" will cause charismatic churches to withdraw voluntarily, a step "I'd much rather see" than disciplinary action, he said. "I think we should deal gently with these people because history has shown that if you do, you are more likely to win them by love than any other way," he added.



CATALOGUING BAPTIST MANPOWER—Making plans for listing the names of disaster relief volunteers in a computerized manpower bank are Norman Godfrey (right), director of the ministries section of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, and Turner Hopkins, former Southern Baptist missionary now a partner in a Memphis-based CPA firm of Cannon-Watts Co. Goal of the project is 5,000 names of Baptists willing to donate their skills on short notice. Photo by Jim Newton.

Brotherhood Wants Skilled Laymen

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ed men are asked to complete requests them to identify the type of skill they want to offer such as construction, speaking, music, witnessing, medical, lay renewal survey, ministry activities, Bible teaching, and recreation.

Then they get the opportunity to list their specific construction skill such as a brick mason, plumber, carpenter, painter, or electrician.

Persons with medical skills pinpoint their specialties as a doctor, dentist, nurse, pharmacist, paramedic, or public health.

Kindergarten Workshops To Be In August

Kindergarten workshops will be held early next month at First Baptist Church, Meridian, and at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Grenada.

The Meridian workshop will be held on Aug. 2, and the Grenada workshop will be held on Aug. 3. Both will be from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.



Tommy Gilmore of Tyler, Texas, will direct a conference on "Using Discipline in Kindergarten." The subject for Mrs. Frank Gilmore Stubbs of Atlanta, Ga., will be "Teaching Concepts and Skills." Mrs. Polly Dillard of Louisville, Ky., will discuss "Language Development and Literature."

The noon meal will be \$2 and will be served by reservation, which should be made with the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson 39205.

The workshops will be sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. Bryant Cummings is department director.

The survey also asks for a language skills such as Spanish, French, Portuguese, and German. Persons volunteering for disaster relief can be called on to respond with only three days notice, Godfrey said.

The survey also permits men to limit their services to their state, the United States, or overseas and to serve two weeks, a month, or for an extended time.

Persons who list their skills in the Brotherhood manpower bank will receive quarterly bulletins about needs around the world. Volunteers usually pay their transportation costs to the assignment and living expenses while there, Godfrey said.

Men may get survey forms by writing the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104, Godfrey said.

Six-Month CP

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for the last quarter of this century will require us to double and redouble our financial support of missions, Dr. Kelly said. "We are well on the way. In six months of 1976 Mississippi Baptists have given to world missions an amount equal to the 12-month total missions budget for just 10 years ago. This is the spirit that is necessary if we are to continue such financial advances in order to meet the missions challenges that lie ahead."

Jonestown To Hear Walker, See Gospel Film

Rev. Barney Walker, Sr. of Jackson will be guest speaker for the 100th anniversary observance at Jonestown Church on July 25.

Following dinner at the church, there will be a time of special music, and praise in song. Rev. L. Gerald Costello, pastor, announces that the film, "The Gospel Film," will be shown during the afternoon program.

Postal Problems?

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such changes each month, at a cost of about \$50.00. Now they will cost us about \$125.00. In this increase, you as an individual or your church, can save us 25c by reporting in advance your plans to move, or other address changes.

We are all in it together, so when you think of postal increases, just remember that we are having them too.

**MISSISSIPPI
FIVE STAR AWARD PROGRAM
1975-76**

This certificate has been awarded for participation in the MISSISSIPPI FIVE STAR AWARD PROGRAM for 1975-76. This is a program promoted by the Mississippi Church Training Department to highlight selected facets of the department's emphasis for the year. Seals are awarded on the following bases:

- I The church has a Church Training Program
- II The church reported an increase in Church Training enrollment during the year
- III The church had participants in the associational Children's Bible Drill and/or the Youth Bible Drill
- IV The church achieved at least Merit Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide
- V The church met one of the following requirements: (a) had 20% of its enrollment at "44" Night 1975 or (b) had members attend Mississippi Week at Glorieta 1976 or (c) had participants at Leader Preparation Night 1976 or (d) observed and reported Youth Week or (e) had one-half of its leadership receive the Church Training Leadership Diploma.

J. C. Vaughn
Church Training Director

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Mississippi Church Training Director

5-Star Awards At M-Night

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is awarded for completion of any one of five alternatives: (a) the church had at least 20% of its Church Training enrollment at Associational "M" Night for 1975 or (b) the church had one or more workers attend a Church Training Week at Glorieta or Ridgecrest or (c) the church had participants in two or more conferences at the Associational LEADER PREPARATION NIGHT (recommended for October 4, 1976) or (d) the church observed and reported Youth Week during 1976 or (e) one-half of the church-elected Church Training leadership have received the Church Training Leadership Diploma.

Church Training Seeks 100,000-Member Gain

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sociational structure, Smith explained, that the department hopes to implement the campaign.

Details were shared with more than 80 associational officers during the two conferences, and

Smith said the response was enthusiastic.

In the effort to reach the 100,000 mark, churches will be asked to set goals for new enrollments of at least 10 per cent of present enrollments. Special enrollment visitation teams comprised of adults and youth will focus on enlisting new members after a simple orientation program.

President To President

By Herschel H. Hobbs

This article is not written as criticism of any one. It is simply to clarify a mistaken idea which has risen in our thinking. An old axiom says that even if something be incorrect, if you tell or hear it often enough you will accept it as truth.

Such is the idea that the Presidency of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference has become a political springboard into the Presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention. (For brevity I will refer to these two groups as "PC" and "SBC.") It has appeared in many of our State Baptist papers in recent years. Like many others I have passed it by with little thought.

But prior to the recent Session of the SBC an editorial stated that "most of the last 14 (Southern Baptist) convention presidents were president of the Pastors' Conference at the time of their election." A quick check of the last fourteen presidents showed this to be in error. In reply to my letter to that effect the editor expressed regret and said he would run a correction. This he did. However, in it he said, "The fact is that six of the past 24 presidents of the SBC were president of the Pastors' Conference at the time of their election." With all love and respect for this honored and honorable friend, this also is incorrect. The best of us make mistakes. I made one once myself!

I have deliberately waited until after the Convention in Norfolk to write this. It can now be done without any hint in it of SBC politics.

To begin with, counting back from Jaroy Weber, twenty-four SBC presidents take us back to E. Y. Mullins who served 1921-1923. The PC did not start until 1935. Perhaps the "24" refers to PC presidents. Leaving out Adrian Rogers "24" takes us back to M. E. Dodd, the founder of the PC, who served 1935-1949.

But what are the facts gathered by comparing the list of PC presidents, furnished me by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, and the "Historical Table" of the SBC Annual? This comparison shows that seventeen PC presidents prior to Adrian Rogers were never president of SBC. And eight SBC presidents since M. E. Dodd's long term were never president of the PC.

Seven PC presidents also served as presidents of SBC. But how do the two presidencies relate to each other in terms of time?

M. E. Dodd was president of SBC 1934-35. He organized PC in Memphis in 1935 and became its first president. Thus he went directly from being SBC president into the PC presidency. Now let us look at the other six, the dates of serving as president of PC and that of their election as president of SBC.

Herschel Hobbs served as president of PC 1950-1951. Ten years later in 1961 he was elected president of SBC. Casper Warren was president of PC 1952-1953. He was elected president of SBC in 1955. Ramsey Pollard was president of PC 1954-1955. He was elected president of SBC in 1959. Carl Bates served as president of PC in 1962. He was elected president of SBC in 1970. Wayne Dehoney was president of PC in 1964. He was elected president of SBC in 1964. Jaroy Weber was president of the PC in 1974 and was elected president of SBC in 1974.

Thus not "most" but two men were elected directly from the presidency of PC to that of SBC. And these events happened ten years apart. To my knowledge, and I know these men, neither of them sought to make the presidency of PC a springboard into the presidency of SBC. When Adrian Rogers was nominated this year without his prior knowledge, he withdrew. The other two men were nominated, they were elected, and they served with distinction.

I count myself fortunate to be a close friend to all of the above-mentioned men who served both PC and SBC. If you will permit me to except myself, they served Southern Baptists with distinction in the most honorable and demanding position which the Lord and the brethren have bestowed.

This article is written to remove a cloud from over them—and from over others who in the future may be fortunate enough to serve as presidents of both PC and SBC. The office should seek the man, not the man the office. To my knowledge in each of these cases, the office sought the man—even as it was true of President James L. Sullivan.

(Note: BR called attention to this in editorial in May 6 issue.)

Poetry Contest

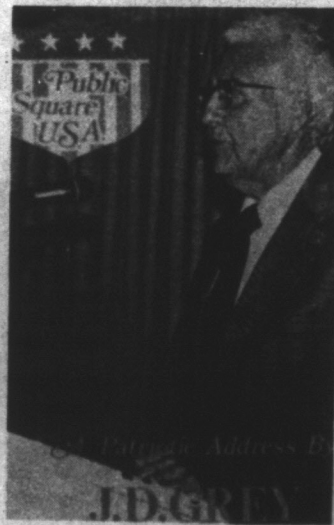
A \$1776 grand prize will be awarded in the Bicentennial Poetry Contest sponsored by the World of Poetry, a monthly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 49 other cash or merchandise awards. There are ten first places of \$200 each.

Says contest director Joseph Mellon, "The initial response is gratifying. Even poets who never publish are sending their work."

Rules and official entry forms are available by writing to: World of Poetry, 801 Portola Dr., Room 211, San Francisco, California 94127.

Contest deadline is July 31, 1976.



J. D. Grey Presents Patriotic Address On New Album

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has recently released a record album containing a patriotic address, entitled "Public Square, U.S.A.," a message which he delivered before the Lions Club in Austin, Texas.

The address presents the elements of character which Dr. Grey feels have been the foundation of America's greatness. In a stirring manner he points these out, and calls Americans of today to so keep them that the nation will continue to be great. Dr. Grey is widely known in Mississippi, where he has appeared on many occasions and in many churches. He was pastor of First Church, New Orleans, for more than a third of a century.

The album is available at Baptist Book Stores or may be ordered directly from Dr. Grey at P. O. Box 15125, New Orleans, La., 70175. The cost is \$6.00.

Revival Dates

First, New Augusta: July 25 - August 4; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; E. A. Hester, Pelahatchie, evangelist; Jimmy Little, Waynesboro, music director; Richard Kirgan, Jasper, Texas, Discipleship and Follow-up Bible teacher; L. C. Newell, pastor; revival emphasis to begin with Men's Prayer Breakfast Sunday, July 25, at 8 a.m.

Briar Hill (Rankin): July 25-30; Bill Duncan, 1st Church, Picayune, evangelist; services will begin on Sunday; morning services during the week (6:30-7:00 a.m.) and evening at 7:30 p.m.; Ray Henry, pastor.

Roxie (Franklin): July 25-30; D. J. Benson, pastor, West Laurel, evangelist; Floyd Grice, minister of music, Morgantown Church, Natchez, music evangelist; Mrs. Lydia Cummins, organist; Mrs. Emma Farr, pianist; services 10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at regular time; Horace Carpenter, pastor.

Blythe Creek (Choctaw): July 25-30; Willie Weddle, pastor, Walthall Church, evangelist; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; John O. McMullen, pastor.

Cross Roads (Newton): July 25-30; John Harold Bethune, pastor of Bethel Church, evangelist; Lonnie Robinson, singer; Jackie Sue Mayes, pianist; services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. during week; T. L. Everette, pastor.

Arkabutla (Tate): July 25 - July 30; Roy Myers, Mt. Zion Church, guest speaker; Jerry Beatty, minister of music, First Church, Louisville, singer; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Monday-Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Jimmy Carr, pastor.

Hardy (Grenada): July 25 - 30; 7:30 p.m.; Billy Foley from Falkner Church, evangelist; Paul Koonce, music director; The nursery will be open and friends are extended a cordial invitation to attend the services. Bro. Jim Gore is the pastor.

Sardis (Copiah): July 25 - 30; 7:30 p.m. and 10 a.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds, afternoon at 1:30; Kenneth Westbrook, pastor of Dunklin Memorial Church, Indian town, Florida, evangelist; Lamar Jolly, pastor. (Mr. Westbrook preached two revivals in India in January, 1976. A report of the trip will be made on Monday night of the revival.)

Oak Grove (Jeff Davis): July 25-30; Billy Greene, Whitesand Church, evangelist; Tom Jacobs, student, Clarke College, music evangelist; Sunday, July 25, will be homecoming, with dinner at the church; Dr. John E. Barrow, interim pastor.

Ruth Church: July 25-30; Robert Fullerton, evangelist; Charles Freeman, pastor, leading music; Sunday at 7 p.m.; Mon. - Fri. at 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Anchor Church (Lafayette): July 25-30; Danny Prater, director of associational missions, Riverside Association, evangelist; Curtis Berry, Water Valley, music director; services at 7:30 p.m. Jimmy Harrington, pastor.

New Prospect, Brookhaven: July 25-30; Dr. Clarence E. Young, pastor, First, Maplewood, La., evangelist; David Miller, pastor, Lucien Church, guest musician; Sunday at 11 and 1:15, with dinner on the ground; during week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; James E. Watts, pastor.

First, Wiggins: August 8 - 13; James Fancher of Jackson, evangelist; Leon Bedsole of First, Biloxi, guest musician; James W. Street, pastor.

First, Abbeville: July 25-30; Hilton Lane, Fairfield Bay, Ark., evangelist; Ralph Thompson, music director of First Church, Holy Springs, singer; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; M. L. Swinney, pastor.

Fair River (Lincoln): July 25-29; Carl Dickerson, pastor of Clinton Blvd. Church, Clinton, evangelist; Willie Reeves of Brookhaven, leading music; homecoming on July 25, with dinner at the church; Danny Watkins, pastor.

Sarepta, Mendville: July 25-30; Harold Anderson, pastor of First

Trinity, Rosedale (Bolivar): July 25-30; July 25 will be Homecoming with lunch at the church and singing in the afternoon; services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday; 8 p.m. Monday - Friday; R. E. Kyzar, pastor of First, Rolling Fork, evangelist; Dale Wilson, pastor.

Clear Creek (Lafayette): July 25-30; Jimmy Vance, pastor Calvary, Starkville, evangelist, Dan Guest, First, Ridgeland, music evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Ken McMillen, pastor.

West Marks Church, Marks: July 18-23; Dr. Larry W. Fields, pastor, First Church, Summit, and Bible instructor at Southwest Mississippi Junior College, evangelist; Rudy Rideout, leading the music; Services at 7 p.m. on Sunday and at 8 p.m. and 12 noon Monday-Friday; Ron Kirkland, pastor.

Calvary Church, Yazoo City: Youth-led Revival; July 25-30; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Jimmy Knight, formerly a fulltime youth evangelist, preacher; Johnny L. Self, director of activities Baptist Children's Village, singer.

Midway Church (Pontotoc): July 25-30; Joe Herndon, pastor of Cherry Creek Church (Pontotoc), evangelist; Mrs. Madelyn Mathews, music director, Midway; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Winston Ross, pastor.

Walnut Grove: July 25-30; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; David G. Durrett of Crossgates, evangelist; Wilbur Walters, pastor; Pat Dawson, song leader.

Parkway Church, Jackson: youth led revival; July 25, 26 and 27; at 7:30 p.m.; special guests will be husband-wife team, Ragan Courtney and Cynthia Clawson. (Ragan is a well known author and dramatist having written several musicals. Cynthia, Mrs. Ragan Courtney, is a concert soloist with numerous TV appearances and several albums to her credit.) Bill Causey, pastor.

Antioch, Brandon: July 25-30; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; 7:30 p.m. Monday - Friday; Oster Daniel of Vicksburg, evangelist; Billy Beavers, choir director; Martin Williams, pastor.

Corinth (Tallahatchie): July 25-30 with week night services at 7:45 p.m.; Cooper Barten, pastor of Hollywood Church, Memphis, evangelist; Benny Champion, Corinth Church, singer; Matthew I. Greer, pastor.

New Salem (Lowndes): July 25-28; services at 7:30 p.m. Bicentennial revival or "Rebible" - ("Re" implies to do again and "Bible" is the Word of God. Together they call America back again to the Word of God); Vic Jackopson from London, England, evangelist (When the nation began, a great revival had been spurred by an English preacher, George Whitfield. The pastor, David L. Claxton says, "We are asking God to do it again in the Columbus-Caledonia area through Vic Jackopson.")

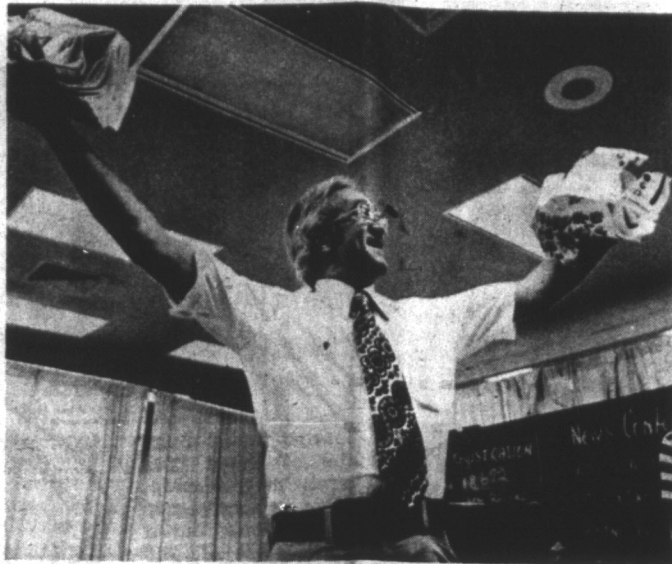
First Church, Pearlridge: July 25-30; Morris St. Angelo of New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Ken Harmon, minister of music at Unity, Picayune, in charge of music; J. L. Raspberry, pastor; homecoming with dinner on the grounds on Sunday, July 25; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and singing in the afternoon; during week at 7:30 p.m.

Mt. Zion, Simpson: July 25-30; Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. with dinner on the ground; services during week at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Donnie Stewart, pastor, First, Coffeeville, evangelist; Rev. George Puckett, minister of music, Riverside, Mobile, music evangelist; Rev. Ben Carlsale, pastor.

Cato (Rankin): July 25 - 30; S. W. Valentine, evangelist; Joe Styron, minister of music, singer; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with lunch served at the church; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Ricky Gray, pastor.

Brewer Church, Richman: Aug. 2-8; Rev. John Forsman of Wade Church, singer; Rev. John W. Henry, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

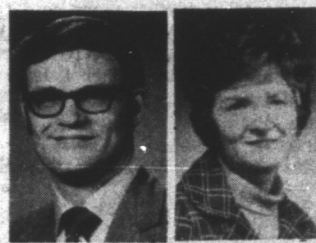
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Hallelujah! It's Over

W. C. Fields, public relations director for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, triumphantly holds aloft the Norfolk area telephone book he has just torn in half in the SBC newsroom at the Norfolk Scope Convention Center as the SBC ended its annual meeting there. Every year since 1955 in Dallas, Fields has torn in half the phone book of the city in which Baptists met. It started out as a joke and a way of relieving tensions which had built up during the meeting and has become a tradition. Besides those in Dallas and Norfolk, phone books have also been bitten the dust in Detroit, Houston, New Orleans, Denver, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Portland, and Miami Beach. (Photo by R. L. Dunston, Norfolk Virginia Pilot-Ledger Star)

Children's Choir Clinic Scheduled For Aug. 26



Key Mrs. Kirkland

The Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is sponsoring the annual Children's Choir Clinic on Aug. 26 - 27 at First Baptist Church in Jackson. The three major conference leaders will be Talmadge Butler, Mrs. Terry Kirkland, and Jimmy Key, all of Nashville.

Butler will be leading the division for preschool leadership. He is the editor of preschool literary materials in the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Butler attended Samford University and earned the B.A. degree in music from Sacramento State College and the master of church music degree from New Orleans Seminary. Before joining the board's staff, Mr. Butler served churches in Alabama and Louisiana and also Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. He has been in the state with several preschool and kindergarten workshops, and kindergarten staffs are encouraged to hear him during this clinic.

Mrs. Kirkland is the Graded Choir Coordinator at the Belmont Heights Baptist Church in Nashville. She received the Bachelor of Music Education degree from Samford University and the Master of Education, Early Childhood Emphasis from Middle Tennessee State University. She is a curriculum writer for The Music Leader and has been a conference leader in Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri, Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi, as well as at Ridgecrest and Gloria Baptist Assemblies. She is married to Terry Kirkland, Children's Music Editor and Recording Specialist at the

Sunday School Board. Mississippi choir leaders will recognize Mr. Kirkland as composer of Sound Of America, the music used for the Young Musicians' Festival this year. Martha will be leading the session for Younger Children's Workers.

Leading the sessions for Older Children's Workers will be Jimmy Key, editor of children's literary materials, Church Music Department. Key is a native of Oklahoma and holds the B.A. degree from Baylor University and the M.M. degree from the University of Texas. He taught school in Texas and served churches in Pasadena, Austin, and Corpus Christi before going to the Board. He has also been in our state before conducting the Young Musicians' Festival.

As a part of the age-group sessions, conferees will observe a demonstration rehearsal in each age group. There will also be six "Buzz Groups," led by Mississippi's teams of Music Specialists. Persons attending the clinic will have to opportunity to participate in any two of the six offered, including "Choir on a Shoestring," "Those Performances," "Book Store Buys," "Role of the Choir Co-ordinator and Minister of Music," "The Accompanist," and "Make It and Take It." Leading these groups will be Mrs. Charlotte McElroy, Tupelo; Mrs. Kathy Anderson, Starkville; Mrs. Linda Fancher, Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Carter, Houston; Bill Barnes, Mrs. Linda Dutton, Mrs. Sarah Taylor, and Mrs. Fran Rodgers, all of Jackson; Mrs. Beverly Mercier, Cleveland; Mrs. Debbie Rainer, Pearl; and J. T. Hannaford, Moss Point.

The clinic sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 26, and conclude at 9 p.m. that evening. Friday sessions will last from 8:30 until 12:30. The registration fee is \$15 per church, and entitles any number of workers from a church to attend any or all sessions. There will be no duplication of age-group sessions, and persons are encouraged to attend the entire clinic. Additional information may be obtained by writing Mrs. Nan Grantham, Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS, 39205, or by telephone 354-3704, Extension 266.

issippi College, and Southern Seminary. He received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Georgetown College.

Dr. Wilkinson also had served as moderator of the Gulf Coast Association. He served as pastor of Baptist churches in Kentucky for 28 years prior to moving to the Gulf Coast in 1958.

He served on the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in the early 1960s, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

He was born November 11, 1901, in McComb, son of the late T. B. and Nora Jagers Wilkinson.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Riley Wilkinson; four sons: James B., Gulfport, Miss.; E. N., Jr., Bowling Green, Ky.; two daughters: Mrs. Clyde Wells, Louisville, Ky.; and Mrs. Mary

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Court Hands Down Opinions

(Continued from page 1)

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Paul Cummins, an employee of the Parker Seal Co. of Berea, Ky., argues that his church, the World Wide Church of God, observes the traditional Sabbath and that he was discharged because of repeated absences on Saturdays. The company argues that to make an exception for Cummins is unfair to other workers, while Cummins holds that he is giving up overtime pay on Saturdays to the benefit of his fellow workers.

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Sellers Baptist Home And Adoption Center

Problem Pregnancy?

A single young woman recently went to an abortion clinic, planning to end her problem pregnancy. After seeing for herself what that option meant, she left the waiting room and contacted the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center. She asked if she could come to the maternity home, stay through the delivery of her child, and discuss with the staff the option of adoptive placement. She moved in to Sellers within the next few days. Courageously, she chose to give birth.

Located in New Orleans, Louisiana, the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center continues to offer help with problem pregnancies. The maternity services were established in 1933, with the adoption program program added in 1948. Since these beginnings, many girls and young women have received service through this program. Southern Baptists provide this Christian resource through the cooperative program and the Annie Armstrong offering. Gifts, donations, and fees also help support this program.

Girls and young women from all states, of all races, and of all religious affiliations are welcome. The maternity services offered include:

- Maternity home
- Out-patient services
- Medical care
- Social Work Services
- Chaplain services
- Delivery at Southern Baptist Hospital
- Adoptive planning and placement (optional)

When the young lady mentioned earlier came to Sellers, she found a program based in a strong Christian ministry of redemptive opportunity and sound professional care and services. For the family of a young single girl and for the girl herself, pregnancy is

often relieved when she can live elsewhere during her pregnancy, receive quality care, and live with other girls and young women

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The option of adoptive placement is carefully explored, with great consideration given to the emotional and legal realities involved in adoption. Most of the girls and young women in the Sellers program do place their infants for adoption; some choose not to do so. A significant portion of this ministry is to help each person know of the alternatives available to her so that she may make the best possible choice for herself and her child.

Being brought together through the adoption program, many adoptive families and children are given the beautiful experience of a loving Christian family.

The Home Mission Board operates the agency through the Department of Christian Social Ministries.

For further information contact: Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center; 2016 Peniston Street; New Orleans, Louisiana 70115; (504) 885-2088.

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EDITORIAL

Born Again

The nation suddenly has become aware of words which long have had clear meaning to Baptists and other evangelical Christians, but which evidently are strange to many people, even to some who call themselves Christians. The words are "born again."

A few months ago, Charles Colson, who became nationally known because of the Watergate affair, released a new book under the title, "Born Again," in which he relates a personal, life-changing experience with Jesus Christ. He calls that experience, being "born again."

About the same time, presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, appeared on the scene, and in a press interview referred to himself as a "born again Christian." This set the reporters to asking questions, and they soon found that Carter was speaking of a personal experience and relationship with Jesus Christ in his own life. A curious world began to ask the question, "Born Again? What does that mean?" Some newsmen and commentators have sought to define the words, telling what they think they mean. Others appear to be confused and have sought answers from theologians, preachers and other Christians. The words have become an open topic of conversation, perhaps more than ever before in our nation's history.

Baptists have no problem with the term, since it is one of their basic teachings that in order to be a Christian one must be born again. To individuals who have committed themselves to Christ, and have

had the experience of the new birth, there is no mystery in the phrase. Those who are conversant with the Bible, know that Jesus used the words in His conversation with Nicodemus, as related in the third chapter of the gospel of John. Our Lord said to the inquiring Jewish leader, "Ye must be born again."

Careful study of the passage, and of others relating to the experience, found throughout the New Testament, reveals that our Lord was talking about the experience of a spiritual birth, a birth from above, as contrasted with the human birth. This new birth, or spiritual birth comes, when one repents of sin and believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the work of the Holy Spirit and cannot be effected by human means. It is a personal experience, which each individual must have if he is to stand in right relationship with God.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, great Southern Baptist theologian of the early part of this century, described the new birth as being an "inward instantaneous spiritual change wrought in the human soul by the power and grace of God."

Tragically, there are groups who call themselves Christian, who do not teach this experience. Far too many people have grown up in churches who say that the basic requirement for being a Christian is church membership. In most cases this was brought about by their being sprinkled when they were babies, so there was no requirement of personal repentance and personal faith in Jesus Christ, the two things which the Bible says

a person must have if he is to be born again. Some of those thus brought into church membership, may have a personal experience with Christ at a later time, but if they do, it will be in spite of, and not because of, the sacramental act of their church. If all that a person has is the first experience, he has not been born again, and so is simply a lost sinner, even though he may have his name on a church roll.

The term "born again Christian" is not a correct one. If a person has been born again he is a Christian. If he has not been born again, he is not truly a Christian, even though he may be called one. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Baptists and other evangelicals long have been preaching the need for a new birth, and have sought to help the world to understand that need. Moreover, they have taught that every person needs to come to Jesus Christ for the personal experience of the new birth. All too often the world has not been listening, and far too many persons, even some who call themselves Christian, never have been born again. They have no meaningful, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Now through the political arena the term is being lifted for the world to see. Let us hope and pray that through the testimony of men like these who are now in the public eye, people who have not been listening when the churches and preachers were speaking, will become conscious of the fact that they need to be "born again."



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Protests Use Of Washington Painting In Whiskey Ad

Dear Mr. Odle:

Enclosed is an ad from the "U.S. News & World Report." (George Washington crossing Delaware with caption "Before he made history he made whiskey.") I have written the Distilled Spirits Council protesting the use of the portrait in their ad. I also reminded them that thousands of Americans would not be hoisting drinks in celebration. That they would attend worship services and that is the reason the Pilgrims came to America—for religious freedom!

Yours truly,
Mrs. William E. Agnew
Jackson, MS. 39209

Life-Time Witnessing Teams Organized In Verona

Dear Sir:

I want to thank the Verona Church for following pastor Ray Glover in the best prepared meeting I have been in for many years. The once a year, but "give it all you have," idea is being greatly used of God in this live-wire church. It was interesting to note how all segments of the congregation, children, adults, and youth express loyalty and love for their pastor and minister of music.

The invitation response was glorious, but most unusual, was the way in which God moved upon Ray Glover's heart to organize two squads of life-time church witnessing teams. During the invitation one evening, he secretly wrote four names on a card, and then invited volunteers to surrender to this out-reach ministry.

In the order as they were written on the card, (not knowing their names were on the card) these people came one by one and presented themselves. The Holy Spirit took over and the service took a supernatural glow the like I have never witnessed in the 671 revivals have been privileged to preach.

Thank God, thank you church, thank you pastor, for being yielded to His divine guidance.

Homer Martinez

Missionaries Needed In Panama

Dear Dr. Odle:

Panama, a nation about the size of South Carolina with a million and a half people, urgently needs additional Southern Baptist missionaries.

Important needs include at least three general evangelists, a theological teacher, a bookstore and literature worker, and a business manager. If such persons were appointed before September, they could be out of language school and on the field by January 1978.

For 66 of the more than 70 years of Baptist ministry in Panama, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directed the work. In 1973, the responsibility was transferred to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The leadership of Panama has expressed faith in this new partnership and confidence in the future as they join in a concerted effort to win Panama for Christ.

Since the transfer, missionaries previously assigned to other countries have served in Panama on a temporary basis. The time has come, however, for those who feel called to Panama to come forth.

Immediately, two couples are needed to engage in general evangelism in rural and urban areas. The couples must have field experience, be able to speak Spanish and be called to serve now in Panama. Such couples could be missionary couples who found it necessary to terminate their services in Spanish America, but are now ready to return to the foreign mission field.

In other words, the Panama Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) needs personnel support. They need a large mission force called of God to serve in this land of opportunity and need.

They have a national Baptist convention with six associations—three English-speaking, two Spanish-speaking, and one Cuna-speaking. There are almost 50 churches with a total membership of over 8,000.

Field evangelists would work in cooperation with Panamanian leaders encouraging the churches, exploring areas for new missions, and providing training for an emerging national leadership.

Soon the temporary, transition-period missionaries will return to the fields where they have been called. The leave knowing others will be called to serve in Panama.

Charles W. Bryan
Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

On The MORAL SCENE...

WIRETAPS, GAMBLERS, AND INNOCENT CITIZENS—If the police arrest a professional gambler, the odds are good that electronic surveillance—a telephone wire tap—led to the arrest. The odds are even better that the gambler won't go to jail. However, the best bet is that the police who conducted the covert surveillance overheard the private conversations of a great many persons not involved in crime and that this frequently futile exercise in "law enforcement" was carried out at considerable cost to the taxpayers. . . . Based on the figures provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, it is estimated that about 50,000 citizens—most of them never involved in criminal activity—were secretly monitored by the police last year. The figures for 1975 were not a great deal different from those of the previous five years. From 1969 through 1975, the number of wire taps installed by state and federal authorities has ranged from a low of 270 in 1969 to a high of 841 in 1972.

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NEWEST BOOKS

GRAPES FROM GOSPEL VINES by Robert G. Lee (Broadman, 149 pp., \$4.95; No Southern Baptist is more widely known or more deeply loved than Dr. Robert G. Lee, Pastor Emeritus of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and author of many books. He is one of the greatest preachers of this century, and his messages always bring rich blessing to the reader or hearer. Here are eight of his inimitable messages. Buy them to read, and read, and read.

PARENT AND TEENAGER - LIVING AND LOVING by Evelyn Mills Duvall (Broadman, 191 pp., \$5.95) One of America's most widely known authorities in the area of family life, writes on the problems of teens and their parents. Here are meaningful, practical, and helpful chapters on problems which are faced by every modern home where there are teenagers. A valuable handbook for parents and teenagers who are faced with today's pressures.

WHAT JESUS BEGAN: THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF CHRIST by George A. E. Selstrand (Broadman, 186 pp., \$4.95) The author has been most widely known for his stewardship leadership in the American Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Conference of America. This book is a chronological study of the life of Christ and could be used as a text book on the life of our Lord. It begins with the background and birth announcements and continues through the post-resurrection appearances. It is carefully outlined and includes numerous photographs and maps.

SPEAK OUT WITH MARGE by Marge Caldwell with Amelia Bishop (Broadman, paper, 127 pp., \$2.95) The author is widely known as a speaker to groups across the convention. Here are some of her messages, presented as if she were speaking from a platform. She talks about being a fascinating woman or a charming man; a sense of humor; take off that mask; the merry-go-round called love; and numerous others in the 14 messages in the book. The talks are direct, clear, challenging and entertaining. The subtitle says that when you have listened "you'll be gladder that you are alive." That is the purpose of the book.

ISAAC NEWTON by John Tiner (Mott Media, 144 pp., \$5.95) A beautiful book on the life of one of the greatest scientist and Bible scholars of history, Sir Isaac Newton. Young and old alike will be fascinated by this story which probably was written by Newton himself.

SAVE AMERICA! by H. Edward Rowe (Revel, 159 pp., paper, \$3.95) The author is founder of a group called Mission to America. He believes that if our country is to be saved from a whirlwind of destruction brought about by evil forces

within, Christian citizens must move decisively into the forefront of public leadership. Here are chapters on what Christians can do as citizens. Illustrations are given of many Christian personalities who have had wide influence in American life. The author calls for a continuous of such leadership now.

ROMANS by Charles Hodge (The Banner of Truth Trust, 458 pp., \$8.50) Reprint of what many consider to be "one of the truly great works" on Romans. The present, revised edition was first published in 1894, so for more than 110 years this has been one of the most valuable commentaries on the great epistle of Romans. Charles Hodge was a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary for 56 years (1822-1878) and this book comes from the later years of his great scholarship. Each chapter is divided into sections, and in each section the author presents an Analysis, Commentary (verse by verse), Doctrine and Remarks. The book is scholarly and requires careful study, but will reward the careful student with understanding of the riches of the epistle.

COMMENTARY AND COMMENTARIES by C. H. Spurgeon (The Banner of Truth Trust, 224 pp., \$4.95) Few preachers who ever have lived made as careful a study of the Bible and Biblical literature as C. H. Spurgeon. In this reprint volume he lectures on the use of commentaries available in his day, and gives his own appraisal of them. He includes commentaries on the whole Bible, on the two Testaments, and then on individual books. If he feels that a commentary is worthy he says so, and if not, he also clearly shows why he disapproves. One is astounded at the broad knowledge of Spurgeon. The final section of the book lists every text used by Spurgeon in the 62 volumes of sermons included in the New Park Street Pulpit and The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit.

ROMANS by Geoffrey B. Wilson (The Banner of Truth Trust, 255 pp., paper, \$1.65) Verse by verse commentary on the book of Romans, consisting of comments by the author and others gleaned from a wide range of the best authors. The reader has assembled here some of the finest comments on the book, available without having to wade through many large volumes to find them. The author/compiler is an English Baptist pastor.

THE WORK OF JESUS AND PAUL . . . WORLDWIDE by S. E. Anderson (Author, 1998 Tyler Lane, Elgin, Ill. 60120) This is Dr. Anderson's second book on Armstrongism, the widely known radio church program. The first book was "Armstrongism's 300 Errors Exposed by 1300 Bible Verses." This book shows the "real" work of Jesus, Paul and real Christians, in contrast to the pitiful, false "work" of the Armstrongs and "their church." Dr. Anderson says that if individuals know of people trapped in the Armstrong snare, to whom they want to send copies, he

will sell them at 4 or more copies for 60c per copy. He also still has a few of the earlier, larger book, which he will send at \$2.45 per copy postpaid. If you know of someone needing to know the truth about "The World of Tomorrow" program of the Armstrongs, write to Dr. Anderson for one or both of his books.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE - ROMANS by B. H. Carroll (Baker, reprint, paper, 146 pp., \$1.95) This study of Romans, excerpted from the multi-volume AN INTERPRETATION OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE, is a rare blend of introductory notes, outlines, commentary, doctrinal studies, illustrations, brief expositions, review questions, and more. B. H. Carroll was president of Southwestern Seminary.

GEORGE MULLER: DELIGHTED IN GOD by Roger Stear (Harold Shaw, 351 pp., \$7.95) Biography of the famed "Prussian Playboy" who found Jesus Christ and became one of the greatest men of faith of Christian history. For most of his adult life George Muller supported his ministry, his family, and some of the largest orphan's homes ever built in England, entirely by prayer. Never would he ask any person for anything for support of himself or his work. This book tells of how God provided, and shows what it means to fully trust in the promises of God.

YOU CAN BE HAPPY THOUGH RETIRED by J. Wm. and Lillian Mason (Orescende, 143 pp., \$2.95) A retired couple, now in their mid-seventies join together in telling of the experience of retirement. They discuss where to live, income, activities, continued service to others, play, etc. This should be most helpful, not only to retirees, but to others much younger. It will help them to realize some of the things they should do to get ready for retirement.

21 KEYS TO A BEAUTIFUL LIFE by Alton E. Carpenter (Exposition, \$7.50, 185 pp.) Dr. Carpenter gives 21 "keys" to the teachings of Jesus that will help to unlock the closed doors of your personality. The key of love, the key of tolerance, the key of self-giving—these and others are explained on the basis of Scripture.

THE TABERNACLE by James L. Wilson and Jo M. Wilson (Tabernacle Publishers, Absarokee, Montana, 39001, paper, 219 pp., \$3.95) A special study of the Jewish Tabernacle, with interpretation that says that it clearly points to the Cross of Jesus Christ. The authors have made a meticulous study of Biblical measurements, etc., and have discovered what they call "Mathematical Information that has been lost for 3000 years." If you are a careful Bible student interested in understanding the tabernacle worship God ordered in the wilderness, with its prophetic or typical meaning, you will find this a fascinating book.

Youth To Receive Year-Long Focus

GLORIETA, N. M. — Youth, ages 12-17, have been selected by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for the 1976-77 age-group emphasis in Sunday School.

Each year the Sunday School department at the Sunday School Board highlights an age-group through editorial, field service and promotional efforts.

This year the youth section of the Sunday School department will assume major responsibility in a joint venture with state Baptist conventions and associations. Franklin Farmer supervises the youth section.

Participants at recent Sunday School Leadership Conferences at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center viewed a twenty-minute multimedia presentation which suggested ways churches could best emphasize youth in Sunday School.

To highlight the work and function of the church, 13 church projects are available to leaders. They include seasonal themes, projects for special ages within the youth division and emphases designed to improve worship, outreach and fellowship.

"Hello to You(th)" is a project designed to ease the transition of the sixth grader into the youth division. Especially for high school seniors is a project to make entry into the young adult division smoother, entitled "What Do You Do After You Say Goodbye?"

"Impact: Youth in Worship" is planned to increase youth involvement in the total worship experience. Suggestions have been designed with both the pastor and youth in mind, with some suggestions appearing in "Proclaim" and "Church Administration"

magazines.

Seasonal opportunities include January Bible Study, Christian Home Week, Youth Vacation Bible Study and Youth Conducting Mission Vacation Bible Schools.

Other recommended projects include "Y - High Days" and "Youth Growth Explosion," both of which are enrolment - attendance emphases; "Youth Reaching Youth," a four-pronged outreach plan; "Youth - Parent - Worker Dialogue," in which youth, parents and workers explore areas of concern together; and "Y.E.S. (Youth Emphasis Survey)," an evaluation form to enable a church to survey past accomplishments and set future goals for the youth division.

According to Dennis Conniff, coordinator of the year-long effort, the Youth in Sunday School Emphasis 76-77 has several objectives in Bible study and outreach, in-cludes: to involve youth and leaders crease enrolment and meet needs of youth.

"With 24 million youth in the 12-to-17 age bracket, our potential is unlimited," Conniff said. "One personal hope I have is to see an increased enrolment in Bible study. With additional Bible study opportunities due to January Bible Study, Youth Vacation Bible School and Youth Summer Bible Study, youth can develop an awareness of Bible study opportunities in addition to Sunday morning."

"Within the Youth in Sunday School Emphasis 76-77 are projects that the smallest to the largest church can assume, and with them minister to the youth age-group."

Student Week To Focus On Church Models

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Church model-building will be featured as part of this year's Student Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Aug. 21-27, to help students better understand the purpose of the church and their relationship to it.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., will be a featured guest during the week. Miss Weatherford will serve as a worship leader and will conduct designated seminars.

During the week-long conference, sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, participants will have the opportunity to organize a church from "scratch." This activity is designed to high-light churchmanship which, along with ministry and evangelism, is a special student emphasis this year.

Groups participating in church model-building conferences will meet every day to plan all aspects of church life, including purpose, program, administration and personnel.

There will be no adult leadership in the group, except for a resource person available to assist in discussion if needed. Groups may interact in that one group may

"call" a member of another group as its pastor.

The churches will have several opportunities for expression. Tuesday night all the churches will convene and one representative of each group will explain that group's procedures. Seminars on any issue can be scheduled by the churches on Tuesday night. Finally, all of the groups will be involved in the Friday celebration, to culminate the week's theme, "Community of the Committed."

Additional opportunities for the week include seminars designed to develop skills in evangelism, discipleship, ministry churchmanship and leadership.

Special features are the introduction of InterMission EAST, a team of five students trained to share the gospel through creative expression, and the dramatic production of "Stearns and Company," a bi-centennial musical drama.

Interpretation for the deaf will be provided at all major sessions. Also a seminar will be held for persons interested in working with deaf persons.

Other conference leaders include R. Lofton Hudson, director, Midwest Christian Counseling Center, Kansas City, Mo., as a seminar leader; Glenn Ingleheart, director, department of interfaith mission, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, as seminar resource person; and Bill Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, as worship leader.

For additional information or to register, write Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

ASUNCION, Paraguay — For the first time in its history, the Paraguay Baptist Convention named a woman as its president, according to Jo Yates, Southern Baptist missionary. Betty (Mrs. Jose) Missena was named to fill the position. Her husband is a past president of the convention and currently pastor of Villa Morra Baptist Church here.



Fabric Of Freedom Coming To Jackson

A troupe of Baptist student summer missionaries will bring the Bicentennial musical, THE FABRIC OF FREEDOM, to Jackson, on August 2, at Robinson Street Church. Performance at 7:30 p.m. will be free to the public. Part of the Bicentennial celebration of the Home Mission Board, the musical is a testament of Southern Baptists love for America. The troupe of college-age youth is performing in 20 Eastern cities on a tour sponsored by the Home Mission Board. The tour began at the SBC in Norfolk.



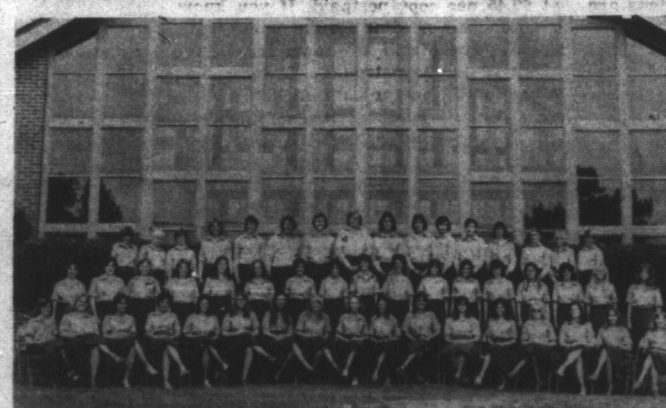
SonShine Sings In Three States

The Calvary, West Point youth singing group called "SonShine" has been on a tour of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama. Under the direction of Gary (Slim) Cornett, the group sang at Corinth, Water Valley, Booneville, and Morristown, Tennessee. They stopped in Chattanooga, and later sang at Bethlehem Church in Lacey's Spring, Alabama. — (Staff Photo — E. Harris)



Marks Choirs To Present Musical

The combined sanctuary and youth choirs of First Church, Marks will present Peterson and Wyrzten's musical "I LOVE AMERICA" on Sunday evening, July 25, at West Jackson Street Church in Tupelo. The 35-voice choir is accompanied by organ, piano, guitar, bass and drums, and is under direction of James Francis.



Paul Truitt Choir In Florida

Fifty-six members of the Youth Choir of Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Jackson, are participating in a choir tour July 18-July 23. Directed by Danny Brock, the group will sing at Rocky Creek, Lucedale, and at churches in Ft. Walton Beach, Jacksonville, and Melbourne, Florida. The group also will tour St. Augustine, Cape Canaveral, and Disneyworld. Dr. Malcolm M. Leach is pastor, following the retirement of the Rev. J. L. Reeves on July 4th after twenty-two years of ministry at Paul Truitt.

Courtney-Clawson To Present "Bright New Wings"

"Bright New Wings," a new musical, will be presented at Parkway Church, Jackson, Tuesday evening, July 27. This will be the first production of the musical in its published form. Ragan Courtney and Cynthia Clawson will be guest artists. Two performances will be given, at 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Courtney is a well known author and dramatist, having written the musicals, "Celebrate Life," "Beginnings," and "Bright New Wings." Cynthia, Mrs. Ragan Courtney, is a concert soloist with numerous TV appearances and several albums ("Cynthia in Concert," "One in the Spirit," "In



Ragan Courtney & Cynthia Clawson the Garden") to her credit. (See "Revival Dates.")

Unseen Chains

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Today's Youth

Twins, Twin Winners

Nedra and Derrith Allgood, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Allgood of Gulfport, were chosen to represent Gulfport in the Miss Mississippi and Miss Hospitality contest in Vicksburg and Biloxi this summer. Derrith is Miss Gulfport and Nedra is Miss Hospitality.

Both will be juniors at the University of Southern Mississippi this fall. They are members of the Dixie Darlings and University Singers. Nedra is listed as one of Southern's top five beauties and Derrith is a member of "Southern Style" public relation department. They are voice and music students in the Fine Arts Department at USM and are listed as dean's list scholars.

Nedra and Derrith were born in Gulfport March 21, 1957. Six weeks later they enrolled in the nursery of First Baptist Church. They continued attending church there until graduation from high school. They were active in all phases of the church activities. They started attending church under the pastorate of Dr. Joe T. Odle, and continued under Dr. Landrum Leavell, Dr. Bill Tanner and now Dr. John Traylor. Their activities in the choir began in the graded choir program at the age of five. They advanced to the senior high choir and became soloists, members of the handbell choir, and mixed ensemble, "the Messengers". They cut one album of twelve songs.

In 1970 they were recognized as being the youngest girls in the history of First Baptist Church Gulfport, to attain the highest rank in G.A. They served as Queens Regent at the age of 13. They have served in the bus ministry, gone on many choir



Nedra Allgood, right, is Gulfport's Miss Hospitality and Derrith, her twin sister, is Miss Gulfport.

tours, worked in Vacation Bible School, worked in mission camps throughout many states, and served as counselors for retreats during the summers.

Mr. and Mrs. Allgood have been members of First Church, Gulfport since moving to the Coast in 1952 as teachers in the Gulfport Public Schools. Mr. Allgood was ordained as a deacon while Dr. Odle was pastor.

Nedra and Derrith attend Main Street Church while in Hattiesburg.

SELEBI-PHWE, Botswana — Approximately 600 people, including the town mayor, attended the dedication and official opening of the new Baptist church building here recently. Two Baptist congregations which have been meeting in school buildings went together to make the building possible. One congregation is English-speaking, and the other, Tswana.

Mississippians Work On Ridgecrest Staff

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Sixteen people from Mississippi churches are working on the staff this summer at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

The young people are Louis May III, an S. D. Lee High School graduate from First Church, Columbus; Susan Paxton, a Mississippi College student, and Bill Sorrell, a Baylor University graduate, both from First Church, Greenville; Susan Ratcliff, a Jefferson Davis Junior College student from Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport; Pamela Morrow from Locke Station Church, Marks; Cile Pugh from Highland Church, Meridian; Brenda Carson, a University of Southern Mississippi student from Bethany Church, Prentiss.

Also on the list are John Greene, a Clarke Junior College student from Whitesand Church, Prentiss; Kim Calhoun, a CJC student from Puckett Church, Puckett; Marla Stewart, a Mississippi State University student from Richland Church, Richland; Denise Lewis, an MSU student from First Church, Starkville; Steve Gardner, a Southwest Mississippi Junior College graduate from First Church, Summit; and Alyce Hoover, a University of Mississippi student from Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

Working on the adult staff at Ridgecrest are Mr. and Mrs. George H. Collins from Eupora First Church. They have worked on the staff for four years and are serving as host and hostess. Another Ridgecrest adult staffer is Miss Marie Bibb from Siloam Church in Meadville. She works as a hostess at Ridgecrest.

As Ridgecrest staffers, these people will help accommodate an estimated 35,000 guests during the summer.

Ridgecrest is owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.



A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Everywhere I turn I seem to see the word "creativity" used in regard to the way a person lives. We are admonished on every hand to be creative, to make creative use of our time, to think creatively, to be creative in our home design.

It seems to put most of us out of business from the start, for the implication is that being creative is barely lower than being artistic. This makes folks like me — I can't even draw a straight line with a ruler — feel intimidated. So I decided to think through this being creative that is now demanded for successful doing of whatever it is one is doing these days.

My first friend, as usual when it comes to words, was the dictionary, to see exactly what meaning I am dealing with. It comes from a Latin word which means to make or to produce. That is very encouraging. It takes some of the high and mighty sound away from the word creative. It puts it down where most of us live, for most of us are called on, by necessity and by reason, constantly to make things or to produce. We spend our days making and doing, re-making and re-doing, improvising and making-do.

Wonder why it is that sometimes a word gets into a use that really does not keep it true to its meaning? I have an idea that my grandmothers were much more creative than I am, and that my great-grandmothers were more creative than my grandmothers. You and I are probably more creative than our grandmothers were. Every generation is busy,



Memorial Plaque

A plaque in memory of the late Prentiss Smith Jr. has been placed in the Respiratory Therapy Department of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center by center personnel. The plaque was placed in a brief ceremony at the center at

The gifts to Home Missions Week of Prayer are listed through June 30 with 1139 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$516,999.68.

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WMU Board Visits Mansion

During a recent meeting of the Mississippi WMU Executive Board, the members enjoyed a tour of the Governor's Mansion. The group was greeted by Mrs. Cliff Finch, Mississippi's First Lady. Pictured are, left to right: Mrs. H. L. Murphy of Coldwater; Mrs. Finch; Mrs. C. A. Sanders of Moscow, Tennessee; and Mrs. Robert Smira, state WMU president.

Macedonia Ministers By "Visiting The Sick"

Those churches today who are seriously looking for ways to minister to the people in their community, as well as in their own congregation, often find their knowledge, imagination, or resources limited. Some venture into ministries such as neighborhood Bible studies, bus ministries, family life centers, food for the underprivileged in the area, or even free medical services if there are doctors in the congregation. All of these are done with the intention of showing the people love and concern, and teaching them of their need of Christ.

Macedonia Church, Route 5,

Hattiesburg, found a way to enter into a fruitful social ministry and contribute to a young minister's education at the same time. Rev. David Sapp, a senior ministerial student at William Carey College majoring in psychology, served as Carey's Student Government President this year, and has been on the staff of Macedonia Church since February of 1975.

Under the leadership of the pastor, Dick Onarecker, Mr. Sapp is presently finishing a practicum study with Macedonia as assistant to the pastor in charge of a hospital and counseling ministry. Twice a week he goes to one of the two hospitals in Hattiesburg. Everyone in that hospital who live within a 5-10 mile radius of the church is visited. The purpose is to show the sick that someone cares about them and is concerned about how they feel. A personal card is left with an invitation to call when any kind of help is needed. A short brochure from the church is also left which gives Scriptural inspiration, another invitation to call when there is a spiritual need, and a reference to each person's need of knowing Christ personally through a born-again relationship with Him. Of course, personal counseling is given when needed. Often what is involved is simply listening to someone talk of fears and frustrations.

"The results of this ministry are showing in people finding that a church fellowship really cares for them, in warmed hearts and increased feelings of personal worth, and the boredom of lying in bed all day being broken," says Mr. Sapp. "They show in spiritual needs being met; and they show in some people becoming interested in a local church that really ministers to the needs of people."

"This type of Christian social ministry is one fruitful way of fulfilling the Lord's command to be His witness and to love your neighbor," he continued. "It is a need churches should take note of. Hopeful the Lord will be able to say to us at the judgement, 'I was sick and you visited me.'"

Oak Grove To Celebrate Centennial

Oak Grove (Bonita), Meridian will have a Centennial Celebration (homecoming with dinner spread at noon) Sunday, August 1. There will be morning and afternoon programs. The message will be brought by Rev. Archer H. Thorpe.

"Old-fashioned clothing may be worn," says Ernest Rockwell, pastor.

Church Group In Texas Distributes 500 Copies Of Dr. Hensley's Book

Five hundred copies of "Help for Single Parents and Those Who Love Them," have been distributed by one church group within less than one year. The church is Tallowood, Houston, Texas. Carolyn Bobbitt is responsible for the circulation to those who join the large Single Parents Sunday School Class of that church.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, is author of the book that now has nation-wide distribution and is a project of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Pastorium Open House At New Hope

An Open House was held at the recently completed pastorium of New Hope Church, Route 1, Carthage, on Sunday June 27. Approximately fifty visitors were present. The pastor, Jimmy Young, and his wife, Sarah, moved into the house on its completion June 1. This is the first pastor's home for New Hope Baptist Church, founded in 1858. It was built at an approximate cost of \$17,000.

Prayer Lift For Pastors: July 25-31

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Robert Self, Batesville, First
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Clyde Rogers, Como
July 27
Billy McDaniel, Curtis
William Wages, Easley Memorial
James Smith, Enon
Bob Guess, Good Hope
Phillip Caples, Hebron
July 28
Reggie Herron, Immanuel
James Bailey, Liberty Hill
Eugene Howell, Locke Station
E. V. Ginn, North Batesville
Thomas Durrett, McIvor
July 29
Benny Thompson, Peach Creek
Robert Phillips, Pharsalia
James West, Pilgrims Rest
Everett Denton, Pope
G. C. Cox, Sardis, First
July 30
Thomas Bonds, Sardis Lake
Lloyd Shelton, Shady Grove
Gary Crowell, Toccoa

Pearl River

Joe Small, Bethel
Gary Smith, Carriere
July 31
Richard Blye, Central
Ronnie McCaskill, Corinth
Gerlad Ladner, Crane Creek
Truesdell Dexter, Emmanuel
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SAINT - QUENTIN, France — About 3,500 French Baptists were represented by 200 pastors, delegates, missionaries and guests at the annual convention held here recently.

Revival Dates

Elam (Yaleboha): July 19-23;
W. B. McDaniel, Bethel (Grenada) evangelist; Alex Smith, Bethel (Grenada), music director; Mrs. Goldie Harbour, Elam, pianist; services at 8 p.m.; Billy McDaniel, Pastor.

Tangipahoa (Amite): July 25-30; at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wyatt R. Hunter, evangelist; Eugene Price, singer; W. C. Burns, pastor.

Sunday School Lesson International-For August 1

God's Word In Man's Language

By Wm. J. Falls

Jeremiah 31:31-34;

Nehemiah 8:1-8; Acts 8:26-39;

2 Corinthians 3:1-3

Last Sunday we started a new unit, six lessons on "The Mission of the Church," and we looked first at the Bible's central teaching of salvation by grace through faith. This lesson uses a vivid story in Acts to emphasize the need to understand the Bible. Along with the importance of interpretation has been the value of translation. For generations various Bible societies have extended the list of languages and dialects around the world in which all or part of the Bible is available. Within the last thirty years several translations in modern English have attracted readers by the millions. To grasp his will for our time, we must read God's Word in man's language.

The Lesson Explained
An African Official Reads Isaiah Verses 26-29

In verses 5-13 we discover that Philip went to Samaria on a preaching mission; many were

healed, and many were baptized. Sometime after he had returned to Jerusalem, Philip felt called by the Lord to leave the city and walk toward Gaza. Eventually he caught up with a chariot in which a man was reading. Luke tells us at once what Philip probably learned later: that the man was an officer in the court of the queen of Ethiopia, in "charge of all her treasure," and that he was on his way home after worshipping in Jerusalem. Thus, he was a God-fearer, but as a eunuch he could not be a Jewish proselyte. He was reading from the scroll of Isaiah.

A Deacon Preaches Jesus Verses 36-39

Responding to the Spirit's command, Philip came close to the chariot and asked the man if he understood what he was reading. Although he understood the words in his Greek translation of the Old Testament (Septuagint), he admitted freely that he needed help to see their meaning. Philip accepted the invitation to sit in the chariot, and he noted the passage being read — Isaiah 53:7-8. It is part of what we call the Suffering Servant passage. Probably before Jesus came, it was not considered to have messianic reference, but the betrayal and cruci-

fixion of Jesus brought it into focus. When the eunuch asked of whom the prophet was speaking, it was a perfect opening for the deacon to tell the story of Jesus. Instead of a conqueror, the real Messiah came as a gentle person who was misunderstood and killed.

The King James Version says Philip "preached unto him Jesus," but it does not mean that he delivered a formal discourse. The original just says that "he told him the Good News about Jesus" (TEV).

An Outcast Is Baptized Verses 36-39

We do not know how long Philip talked with the eunuch, but they must have ridden past the desert section (v. 26) or perhaps they reached an oasis. At least there was enough water for the new believer to ask whether he might be baptized. Philip had led him to the point of commitment. Although verse 37 does not appear in the best manuscripts, it reflects the shared experience of the two men. Notice that both of them went down into the water; that is the only way a person can be actually baptized in the original meaning of the word. After "the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip," the new believer went happily on his way to Ethiopia.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For August 1

One Nation Under God

By Bill Duncan

Exodus 19:29; 24

Our nation was involved in the Korean conflict when it was called to the attention of the nation that our pledge of allegiance should be changed to "one nation under God." Our pledge was written to be said by school children on the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. Since that day the pledge of allegiance has been said many times. President Eisenhower was convinced that America needed to return to reliance upon God, so he led the nation in inserting the words "under God." This helped to pull our nation together in a time of great discord.

It is time that we not only paid lip service to our pledge but gave obedience with our lives. Our only hope of rebuilding the foundation of society as well as the foundation of our individual lives is a return to faith in God. All things are possible — only with God.

God is a necessity for every human being and nation. Man cannot overcome evil by himself.

truth: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." God is necessary for man because man cannot realize his own potential. It is God which gives us purpose for which to live and guidelines about how to live.

These are the reasons we have the Ten Commandments. God has given to us the proper words in instruction and guidance. Of course no one (except Jesus Christ) has ever kept all of them. Yet these are the foundation stones on which society is built.

The necessity of authority is shown in the Ten Commandments. Authority is necessary in life in order that man can respect God and others. God is the source of all authority and holds his sway over us all. We will never outgrow the Ten Commandments because we will never outgrow God. They express to us God's character and demands.

The Ten Commandments are addressed to a redeemed people, the covenant community. God was saying this is how I want you to live. Because God had been actively involved in the redemption of Israel, he had a right to expect certain moral principles to be kept. At the same time, the Ten Commandments are the ideals of all persons and no one

thoughts that we can never say, "no!" Honeycutt has said that the negative allowed greater latitude and a degree of freedom. Under the spirit of the covenant, the Israelites were assured a degree of freedom which is seldom observed.

God said to Israel, "If ye will obey my voice and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure." God made a covenant and the preamble was the Ten Commandments. The people of Israel responded to the words of the Lord by saying all the words which the Lord hath said we will do, thus, they became a nation under God.

Obedience can be a life-giving experience. Jesus said that if we loved him we would obey him. Obedience to God is related to spiritual health. As we learn to obey we become more useful and happy. Our nation will become obedient when we as individuals become obedient. All our problems in America grow out of disobedience to God. Let us not only pledge one nation under God but also live as we say. Love God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves is the summation of what Jesus told us to do.

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Prisoners' Bible Crusade Reaches Into 23 States

By Cleve Dawsey
In The Pearl River Journal

There is a side road that turns off to the left of the old Kiln highway. The road twists and turns, finally coming to a lonely intersection, its silence only occasionally broken by the sound of a passing car. If you turn off to the right, the road will lead



Mr. and Mrs. Lee

you down to a large, sprawling pecan orchard. What strikes the eye, however, is not the tranquil beauty of the pecan trees, but a large sign neatly printed in bold letter with the words, "Prisoners Bible Crusade for Christ, Inc.," and underneath, the words "Won't you give those behind bars a Bible?"

You have arrived at the home of Chester Lee, Mississippi farmer, and founder of the Prison Bible Crusade.

Listening to this quiet, unassuming man, one would hardly suspect that he is the president of a corporation that now extends into 23 states, and is expanding all the time.

Lee quietly begins to reminisce. He says the Lord spoke to him as he read the story of 92 men on death row in a penitentiary in Rayford, Florida. That was in early December of 1972. But it was not until five months later, in April of 1973, that he finally dedicated himself fully to his task.

"I ran from the Lord and had all kinds of trouble," he recalls. Two close calls, one in which he almost lost his grandson, and one that demolished a trailer, convinced him that God was seriously dealing with him.

"God began to talk to me then.

I can tell when the Lord's dealing with me," he says.

When he had run as far as he could, Lee surrendered to God's call. It was about ten o'clock on an April morning that Lee made his decision down in his field. Lee's wife was surprised when he came in and told her he was starting a prison Bible ministry.

Together, they started out on their first "missionary journey" the following week, traveling to eastern Florida with a load of one hundred Bibles. Since that humble beginning, they have shipped over 24,687 Bibles.

Soon after starting out, it became evident that the cost was too great to continue traveling. So returning home, they opened an office in a back room, starting out with a donated typewriter and buying a copying machine. They now operate out of a new combination warehouse-office building that Lee built almost single handedly.

Prisoners Bible Crusade for Christ is a bona fide non-profit corporation, chartered by the state of Mississippi. Lee is the chairman of the board of directors and the only layman on the board. The rest is made up of four ordained ministers: Rev. John E. Moore, Rev. Lester S. Walker, Rev. Houston Stringer, and Lee's son, Rev. Paul Lee.

The latter is a field worker for Prisoners Bible Crusade.

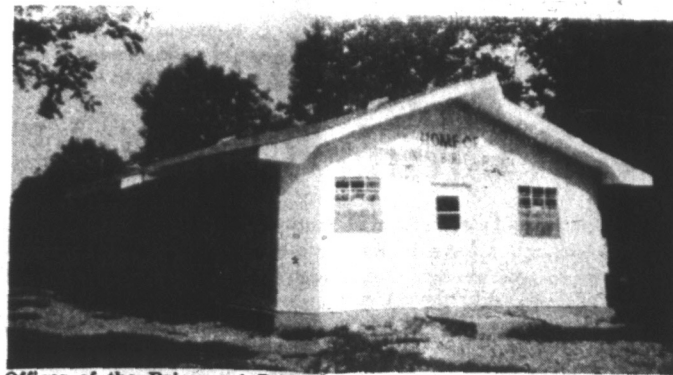
Much of the ministry of Prisoners Bible Crusade has been financed from the earnings off Lee's farm.

"We've sold scrap iron, sold cattle and borrowed money to get Bibles," says Lee.

Five area churches regularly support Lee's ministry, and Lee has visited several churches to publicize the ministry's work, bringing presentations and reading letters from prison chaplains.

If your church, organization, or business would like more information about this Bible ministry behind bars, contact the PRISONERS BIBLE CRUSADE, P. O. Box 686, PICAYUNE, MS. 39466, Phs. 601-798-6431.

The Crusade distributes the



Offices of the Prisoners' Bible Crusade are on the farm of Chester Lee near Picayune. (Address: Box 686, Picayune 39466). Bibles for prisoners are bought on consignment and paid for by donations, love offerings, and business donations.

King James Version of the Holy Bible with the words of Christ in red, which contains maps and a dictionary in the back (also a marked New Testament which points out the way of salvation.) These Bibles are shipped free of charge to prison workers upon their request to be given to prison inmates.

Ultimately Lee hopes to place Bibles in over a thousand prisons, reaching every prison listed in his National Prison Directory. The Directory lists 951 state prisons and 103 Federal prisons. Also included in the directory are prisons in Canada, England, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Panama Canal.

Prior to the start of his prison work, Lee had rarely ever set foot in a jail. He ordered his first load of 100 Bibles out of a TG&Y warehouse from Shreveport, and now sends scores of Bibles out to prison chaplains each week, ordering them from the Collins and the World Publishing Companies. In addition to this, he has also sent out fifty Spanish Bibles to a prison in Florida.

He credits the blessing of the Lord to the Bible crusade. "I had no idea that in two years' time I would see what I see today," he says. "Over 500 have been saved as a result of this prison Bible ministry."

Lee made a vow to go forward with zeal, never doubting his calling, if he could be shown why he was called to do prison work.

Not long afterward, after a prison worship service on Sunday morning, he received his sign.

On invitation from a prison chaplain, Lee carried five cases of Bibles to a penitentiary in Atmore, Alabama. After the morning service, the chaplain and

some of the inmates went to get the Bibles out of the trunk of Lee's car. Coming back through the iron gates, Lee saw two young men trying to carry one case of Bibles.

"That really touched my heart," Lee recalls. "The Lord was showing me something."

Back in the chaplain's office, Lee and the young inmates began to open up the Bibles. Suddenly, one of the men grabbed up a bundle of New Testaments, holding them close to his heart. Looking up to heaven, he breathed a prayer, "I thank you Lord, for hearing our prayers."

Standing over against the wall, Lee watched the scene with great emotion.

"I had about all I could take. My heart was getting full," says Lee. "They're looking for some hope, and now they've got hope."

Then one of the inmates explained, "Brother Lee, we had a prayer service here last week that the Lord would provide for some Bibles. And look here. Here's our prayers answered."

From that time forward, Lee never doubted his call, and true to his vow, went forward with new dedication.

Mrs. Lee shows the same care and concern for the prisoner as Mr. Lee. Many times she has wrapped Bibles on the kitchen table to send to individual inmates who requested Bibles.

Many prison inmates now have Bibles who had none before, bearing out the Crusade's guide verse, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11).

Devotional

The Challenge Of The Christian Life

By Roy Myers, Pastor, Mt. Zion, Independence
II Corinthians 5:17

The call to live the Christian life can be seen from the time of creation of man. When God said, "Let us make man in our image." With all the meanings that man has given to these words, it certainly means that insofar as our human weaknesses permit we are to be like God. But because of sin we fall far short of what we ought to be. This can be seen in the way that man acts. There is injustice, apathy, greed, dishonesty, cruelty, murder, adultery, theft, and many other things. All of these are against God and His will for man's life. It brings about suffering in our world.

God has provided a way to escape the bondage of sin. That is the new birth that Jesus speaks about in John 3. God's grace makes possible man's response of faith and trust in His son. We can find nothing on our own part to boast about in the salvation that God offers through Jesus. Paul tells us that it is not of ourselves, "lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-10).

Salvation is to affect a person's total life. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature—old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." When God redeems a soul He, also, wants to transform all of life. This means that we are not only to believe but we are to behave according to God's will. Faith that is a part of salvation leads to works of love in submission to God's way of life.

Jesus has given us the example that we need to follow. The Bible tells us that we are to be becoming like our heavenly Father. "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev. 19:2). I like what Paul says, "Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him" (Eph. 5:1 TEV).

We find many reasons why we should strive to live the Christian life daily. We should live the Christian life because of what Jesus has done for us. We should live in a manner worthy of the gospel as Paul speaks of in Phil. 1:27—"Only let your conversation (way of life) be as it becometh the gospel of Christ. . . . We should live to be a witness to unbelievers. "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men" (I Peter 2:15).

1st, New Albany Begins New Television Ministry

First Baptist Church, New Albany, has started a T.V. ministry for the people on Channel 2. The church has entered in a contract with E. O. Roden of Booneville, for this ministry. The station has been moved into the church, and all programs will be conducted in the church. At the present time, three programs can be seen—the Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and the noonday devotionals at 1:15 p.m.

Bert Harper, associate pastor and minister at Clark Street, will

conduct the noon-day devotionals.

He will have special guests from other churches every Friday. Future programs will include Wednesday night services, special music, gospel quartets, and movies.

The music will be directed by Bob Gray.

This will enlarge the outreach ministry of the church which now includes a jail ministry, nursing home, county home, Children's home, and the Clark Street Mission. The pastor is W. F. Evans.

Names In The News



Mr. and Mrs. W. Guy Henderson, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 1287, Commercial Ctr., P. O. Makati, Rizal D-706, Philippines).

Fanny Starns, missionary to Thailand, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 632, Bangkok, Thailand).

Mr. and Mrs. J. Virgil Cooper, missionaries to Korea, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 14, Pusan 600, Korea).

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Martin, missionaries to Nigeria, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 211, Jos, Nigeria). She is the former Margaret McMullen of Sumner, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. (Sam) Shepard, missionary associates to Portugal, have arrived on the field for their first term of service (address: Av. Bombeiros, Voluntarios Lote 119, 10-D, Lisbon 2, Portugal).

Timothy L. Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. McCray Robertson, was ordained to the ministry by the Dekalb Church on June 12. Ken Anderson, pastor, Dekalb Church, brought the message and charge to the candidate. Robertson has been called as pastor of Wahalak Church.

Kerry Yeakey, missionary journeyman to Indonesia, has completed his term of service and may be addressed at 240 Rosa, Clevis, N. M. 88101. He was born in Jackson, MS.

Walter Simmons is the new pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tallapoosa County.

Oakley Church has called Danny Creel as part time music director. Mr. Creel is a student at Southwest Junior College where he is director of the B.S.U. choir. Drew D. Blanton is the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Roberts, missionaries to

Japan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 9-12 1-chome, Waseda, Ushita, Hiroshima).

Grady Mayo is the new minister of music and youth at First Church, Orange Grove. He lives in Gautier, and both he and his wife will be in college this fall on the Gulf Coast. Rev. H. L. Davis is the Orange Grove pastor.

Clark Adams is the new minister of music at South Side Church, Meridian. John Hopper is pastor.

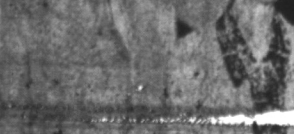


Halbert Heights Church of Brookhaven, has licensed Sandy Walker, right, to the gospel ministry. A Junior at Brookhaven High school, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker of Brookhaven. On the left is the pastor of Halbert Heights, John W. Farris.

Mr. and Mrs. Michel S. Simoneaux, missionaries to Japan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 4-18 7-chome, Kami Tsutsui, Fukui-ku, Kobe 651, Japan).

Mr. and Mrs. Ted E. Yarbrough, missionaries to Guatemala, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 724 4th St., Pleasant Grove, Ala. 35127). They are native of Alabama, but studied at Clarke and William Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Davis, missionaries to Ghana, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 78, Tamale, Ghana). Both are native of Mississippi.



HONORED BY COLLEGE — Turner College (right) of New Orleans, La., a native of Philadelphia, Miss. and former editor of the New York Times, and Mrs. Vira N. Rice (center) of Charleston, former president of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, were honored by Mississippi College with the presentation of "Service to Humanity" awards. The awards were presented by Dr. Ed McMillan (left), dean of the Graduate School and professor of history, during special ceremonies on campus. — (MC. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

Vicksburg Man Enters Preaching-Revival Ministry

Rev. Carter H. Gibson of Vicksburg plans to begin an active ministry on October 1. He writes:

"I am writing to you after much prayer and concern about preaching and the call of evangelism. I am available for supply pastoring and preaching on Sundays and some revival work starting October 1, 1976. I am a member of First Baptist, Vicksburg, Dr. John McCall, pastor. I am enrolled in the seminary extension program from Nashville, and am taking a course in Biblical background now. I have the full endorsement from Dr. McCall in my work. I was ordained one year ago. I may be contacted at Route 9, Box 349, Vicksburg, Ms. 39180 (phone 601-636-1549)."

Mr. Gibson, who is employed with Bechtel Power Corporation of Port Gibson, attended Hinds Junior College. He is married to the former Wynette White of Batesville.

Off The Record

For \$23 — "A church in southern England recently unearthed an ancient bill for repairs to its wall paintings, according to a Reuters new service story. The itemization:

"(For) renovating heaven and adjusting the stars; washing servant of the high priest and putting carmine on his cheeks; and brightening up the flames of hell, putting a new tail on the devil and doing odd jobs for the damned, and correcting the Ten Commandments; All for \$23."—Christianity Today.

A father had just finished giving his son a long account of the part he had played in the war.

The little boy thought for awhile then said: "But dad, why did they need all those other soldiers?"



Pictured are some of the Sunday School teachers who promoted the Five Fabulous Sundays program at Tillatoba. Left to right, Mrs. Ruth Melton, Mrs. Floy Massey, Harvey Darby, Morris Hendricks, director, Mrs. Nora Hendricks, Q. T. Edwards, and Mrs. John H. Jones.

Five Fabulous Sundays At Tillatoba

Recently Tillatoba Church (Yalobusha), used the Five Fabulous Sundays program. The average attendance for the five Sundays was 112. The people who enrolled in the program were consistent in attendance. It has been several weeks since

the program was in effect and the attendance has held up well since that time. If the church holds its present average attendance for the last collection of this church

three quarters, it will be the highest in the history of the church. Last year the church added a bus ministry, even though Tillatoba is a rural area. This ministry has contributed to the attendance at Sunday School. Summer revival will begin July 25, with Dr. Robert Self, pastor of First, Batesville, as evangelist. Rev. Lee Hudson is the pastor.

Morgan Chapel Church (Okth-beha) has licensed Robert Daniel (Dan) Child to preach the gospel.

Mr. Child is available for preaching. He may be contacted by writing to Box 111B, Route 2, Sturgis, Mississippi 39769. He and his wife Carol have two children, Candy and Chris. His pastor is Rev. Ed Deuschle.